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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: U.S. Response to Syrian Support for Terrorism (U)

The President has reviewed your memorandum of November 10, 1986, and has decided to take specific measures against Syria. Attached is the list of actions he has approved for immediate implementation. You are to coordinate with the appropriate departments to ensure full and complete carrying-out of the actions. (S)


John M. Poindexter

To be announced by WH on 11/14/86.

cc: The Secretary of Treasury
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Secretary of Transportation
The Director of Central Intelligence

Attachment
Tab A - List of Actions

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LIST OF ACTIONS IN
U.S. RESPONSE TO SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM

Phase One - The President directs:

Economic

- U.S. petroleum companies be informed that, if they do not cease all involvement in Syrian oil operations by January 1, 1987, we are prepared to take legal measures to compel them to do so.
- Termination of availability of EX-IM Bank programs with Syria.
- Withdrawal of Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for Syria to match with public announcement to be coordinated with USDA.
- Immediate cancellation of the Air Transport Agreement between the U.S. and Syria signed at Damascus on April 28, 1947, as amended; notwithstanding the provisions. Terminate all ticket sales of Syrian airlines in the U.S.
- Prohibition of export of all items controlled for national security purposes, aircraft (including helicopters), and aircraft parts and components.

Political and Security

- Continued withdrawal of our Ambassador.
- Reduction of the staffing of Embassy Damascus sharply.
- Ordering the withdrawal of two Syrian diplomats from the U.S.
- Requiring a mandatory security advisory opinion for all Syrian visa applicants.
- Cancellation of all high-level visits with Syria.
- Opposition of Syrian candidates for positions in international organizations.
- Issuance of an updated travel advisory on Syria.

Public Diplomacy

- Publishing a "Syrian Background Paper" with detailed chronology of Syrian involvement in and support of international terrorism.
- Background briefings on role of Syrian intelligence and diplomatic facilities in terrorism.

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